

I wish to speak for portability of cell phone numbers to be required of all cell phone service providers and for this to be implemented in a timely manner (within 1.5 years). It makes sense that if this is done, then companies will work to develop quality service at prices that are competitive. I should note that even the basic service cost has gone up within the last year at a time when more (not less) service contracts are being sold and when one would expect the price to stay the same or even decrease. Consumers are tired of paying for the costs of technological improvements and capacity that utilities are asking for. What ever happened to the idea that investors advance the resources and are thus rewarded in the long run for their risk taking and for the companies ability to act competitively. Do we need to remind the FCC that the consumer is the one that they are required to serve. Their job is not to assist companies to "provide quality service" nor to be concerned with arguments of cost that the companies put forward. That is their task, not government's. A very high percentage of consumers need and desire portability of their phone numbers. Their wishes must need be heard and heeded.